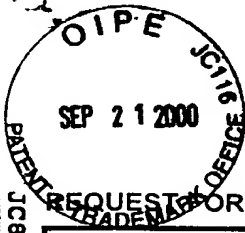


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This is a request for filing a ☒ continuing ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior international application Number PCT EP/99/01649 filed on 3/12/99 entitled A SPECIAL CHAMFERED TILE AND THE PROCEDURE FOR ITS MANUFACTURE

which designated the United States.

Note: 37 CFR 1.53(c) or (d) cannot be used to file a continuation or divisional application of an international application which has not entered the national stage.

CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	8 - 20 =	0	x \$ _____ =	\$ 690
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- 1: Enclosed are the specification, claims and drawing(s).
2. ☒ A statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any ^{deficiency in} fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0355. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 345.00 is enclosed.
5. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application is a ☒ continuing ☐ division of international application number PCT EP/99/01649, filed 3/12/99 (status, abandoned, pending, etc.)."

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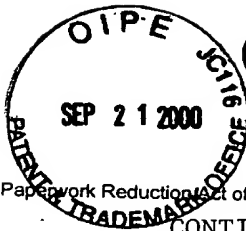
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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a Continuing Application of PCT Application No.
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6. ☒ A declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 is enclosed.

7. ☒ Priority of foreign application number MO98A000064, filed on 3/24/98 in Italy
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8. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

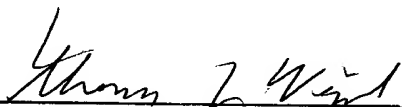
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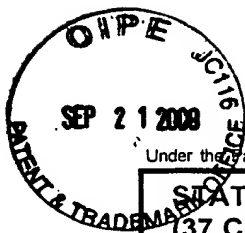
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Thomas R. Vigil, Reg. No. 24,542
Typed or printed name

- ☐ Inventor(s)
☐ Assignee of complete interest. Certification under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed.
☒ Attorney or agent of record
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STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c))--SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

Docket Number (Optional)
20183

Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: Paolo Orlandi
Application or Patent No.: _____
Filed or Issued: September 21, 2000
Title: A SPECIAL CHAMFERED TILE AND THE PROCEDURE FOR ITS MANUFACTURE

I hereby state that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN Casa Tile S.R.L.

ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN Via Montepizzicano Interno, 73/6
41028 Serramazzoni (Modena), Italy

I hereby state that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR Part 121 for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby state that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:

- ☒ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
☐ the application identified above.
☐ the patent identified above.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights in the invention must file separate statements as to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

- Each person, concern, or organization having any rights in the invention is listed below:
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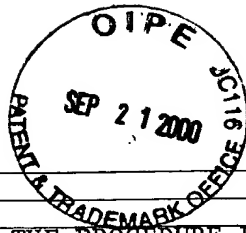
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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9 (f) and 1.27 (b)) INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9 (c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled:
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- ☒ the specification filed herewith
☐ application serial no. _____, filed _____
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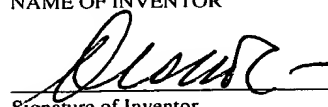
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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